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KAHAUUKI TRACT FOR ARMY POST Board Decides on Site for the Camps.

Negotiations for a site for the United States army post have reached such a stage that it is the confident belief of those interested that the week end mail will carry to Washington the basis of the lessees of the tract for the extinguishing of the leases. The board which has the matter in charge for the government will meet this afternoon for the purpose of considering the counter proposals of the lessees, and the decision of the majority will fix whether or not the terms are to be accepted or a fight over them result, similar to that which has marked the naval improvements.

The site selected for the post is the tract known as Kahaui, which lies on the slopes adjacent to Moanalua, occupying the Waikiki boundary of that estate and running from the foot-hills back to the mountains. This tract contains 1,300 acres and is in its entirety now under lease to the Dowsett estate. That corporation, however, does not utilize it, but has it sublet, the principal sublessee being the Star Dairy Company, which uses the higher lands for grazing proper and the lower plateaus for raising of the high-class feed which makes the tract so valuable. In the lease of the principal there is an unexpired remainder of 11½ years, and the leases of the Dairy Company, as well as of the minor sublessees, many of whom are Chinese tenants of small tracts, have much shorter periods to run.

This feature of the situation has caused most of the delay in completing the negotiations. The longer lease of the Dowsett estate, it is understood, could have been arranged, but for the minor claims, and the result has been long negotiations, which now have reached such a stage that it is the belief that there can be nothing to hinder a peaceable settlement of the differences. There were meetings of the Dairy Company and of the Dowsett estate yesterday, the latter adjourning until Saturday morning, when it is the belief that the proposition will be formally submitted to the board, and by that body forwarded to Washington for the approval and ratification of the War Department. This board consists of United States District Attorney Breckons, Major E. Davis and Captain Williamson.

Upon the decision of this board depends as well the action of the second board, composed entirely of army officers, which will select the site for the barracks and other dwellings which are to be placed on the grounds as chosen, and which will constitute the post proper. This board is under the chairmanship of Major Davis, and its remaining members are: Captain G. McK. Williamson, Dr. Rich, Captain Pierce and Lieutenant Robinson. This board, taking for granted the agreement on the terms of settlement with the lessees of the tract, will meet, it is understood, next week. It has got together thus far only for the formal organization, and the work has not yet begun on the placing of the buildings.

It has been suggested that the buildings of the post will be placed on the low slope of the tract, facing the Moanalua estate, while the level space on the city side will furnish grounds for the post parade. It is understood that army officers who have looked over the grounds have suggested this disposition of the structures of the post. There are several excellent sites for residences on the mountain side, and it is believed that these will be utilized later by placing upon them bungalows for the officers who may be stationed at the post.

Agasta Out.

MADRID, Dec. 3.—Premier Sagasta has resigned.

Senor Sagasta had an audience with King Alfonso this morning at which he presented his resignation and intimated that the step was irrevocable. He informed the King that the opposition had treated him with distrust and discourtesy, which he did not deserve. His Majesty will not decide on the course he will pursue until tomorrow.

As announced from Madrid last night, the Spanish Cabinet suffered a defeat in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday by the adoption of a motion of censure on the Minister of Marine for authorizing the contract for the construction of two training ships without previously obtaining the consent of the Cortes.

The resignation of the Cabinet was then considered imminent and there was some talk of a new ministry being formed under the leadership of Senor Montero Rios and the Duke of Tetuan.

The Cabinet which has just resigned was formed by Senor Sagasta on November 14th last.

WILL BE JOY AND SORROW Holiday Events at The Oahu Prison.

A feast on one day and a hanging the next will be the run of events at Oahu prison on Christmas Day and on the day following. All the details of the former have already been arranged and the only work to be done on the preparation for the latter is that of setting up the scaffold and connecting a few electric wires.

Tanbara, the Jap murderer, as now arranged, must meet his death at 10:30 o'clock on the morning following Christmas. A few minutes before that time, wearing a new suit of black clothes, a pair of well polished boots, starched collar and cuffs, and made as clean as can be, he will be marched forth from his cell and mount the scaffold. This latter will be located under the famous algaroba tree in the courtyard of Oahu prison. There will be a small party present to witness the hanging but all prisoners will be locked in their cells. An officer has been detailed to mount the scaffold with Tanbara, put on the "black cap" and adjust the rope. A Japanese clergyman may also be present to give the doomed man a few comforts while on the scaffold. When all is ready and the man is standing on the trap of the scaffold a bell will be touched and three men in an enclosure in another portion of the prison will each touch an electric button. Only one of these buttons will send out a current and none of the men in the enclosure will know which one caused the connection that in a moment's time will have sent Tanbara to his death. The electric current will release the trap so that a second will show Tanbara swinging dead, beneath the scaffold.

The scaffolding has all been overhauled and everything is in readiness so that it can be erected in a couple of hours' time.

TANBARA'S LETTER.

Tanbara has been under the eyes of the death watch during night and day since he was sentenced. He has known his fate and appreciated that the time for his execution was creeping slowly towards him yet he showed no disposition to communicate with friends until a few days ago. He then asked permission from Warden Henry to write to some friends in Portland but the letter he wrote was so unintelligible that the Warden declined to send it. He then told Tanbara that he might make a statement and he would have it written intelligently and sent to Portland, but Tanbara then said that he had no statement to make. Tanbara has been in the best of health during the time he has been under sentence.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PRISON.

So it will happen that preparations will be completed Christmas morning for both a feast and a hanging. On Christmas there will be no work for the men who are in prison on hard labor sentences. In the morning there will be religious services and in the afternoon a feast, about the only one occurring inside of the prison from one year's end to another. On that day the "old timers" get the usual present of cake from the baker who has supplied the prison with bread during the year.

THE KONA ORPHANAGE.

Christmas Remembrances for the Little Orphanates.

Report of the Kona Orphanage for November, 1902: Expenses during the month are as follows: Salaries, \$165; labor, \$14.00; food, \$34.15; supplies, clothing, bedding and incidentals, \$123.67; material for new building, \$247.49. Total, \$594.31.

Money received during the month: Miss Carrie Castle, \$10; Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, \$50; Mr. Alfred H. Smith, \$5; money taken in at the Orphanage, \$81. Total amount for month, \$146.20.

Articles received: Mrs. Monroe of Tarrytown, N. Y., one book for library; Miss Galpin of Hampton, Va., one book for library; Mrs. F. Krause, one book for library; Miss Mary C. Tompkins of Middletown, Conn., one book for library; Miss Anne Lam, one book for library; Miss Purvis of Philadelphia, Pa., one book for library; Mrs. H. C. Brown, one book for library; Standard Publishing Co., two books for library; Mrs. F. J. Russell, clothing; Mrs. Cook, clothing; Mrs. August, linen; Hawaiian Gazette Co., published Oct. report; Miss Felker, for Thanksgiving, one dozen quarts guava jelly, 1 bag potatoes, 1 box apples, 4 quarts cranberries, 4 quarts pineapple, 5 pounds sage, 1 bottle sage, 1 bottle celery seed, 1 tin raisins, 5 pounds prunes.

We are in need of money; are putting up a new building, as we must have more room. Two orphans came today. We now have forty-five children, most of them from Honolulu. Don't forget the post at Christmas time. We are raising on the place most of our food, but must have money for teachers' salaries and new building. Send money direct to me or deposit it in Bishop & Co.'s bank for Kona Orphanage.

ALICE F. BRAND.
Manager Kona Orphanage.

WILL CELEBRATE CABLE OPENING Business Men Plan Holiday With Great Meeting and Many Features.

According to the best calculations of the cable men the ship Silvertown is now laying the cable between San Francisco and Honolulu. The cable steamer should have arrived at the Coast end of the long journey from London on Saturday last, and, while nothing is known of the condition of the vessel, according to the expectations not more than five days should have elapsed between arrival and departure on the cruise which will bring Hawaii into touch with the outside world.

Meanwhile plans for celebrating the arrival of the copper bond of communication are being made by committees of the local trade bodies, and the day will be fittingly celebrated when the shore end of the cable and the deep sea strand has been joined and the tests made which will show the completeness of the line. The committee of the Merchants' Association, consisting of George W. Smith, F. M. Wakefield and G. F. Bush, spent yesterday in looking over the ground preparatory to making up a program, which will be completed today and communicated by the mail of the Peru to the Coast trade bodies for their concurrence.

The business men of the Coast metropolis have suggested that the event be celebrated by the holding of a banquet, but the local merchants have not taken kindly to the idea, since the event means much to every person in the city, and the plan is to make the celebration one of greater importance than simply a feast which will draw to the boards a few score of the business people of the city. One of the proposals which is now being seriously considered by the committee is the holding of a great meeting at the Opera House, which will be marked by notable addresses by men who have been connected with the promotion of the cable and who have watched the progress of events leading up to it with interest.

The committee will this morning hold a meeting with Governor Dole at which there will be discussed the various phases of the proposed celebration. It is expected that with the concurrence of the Governor there will be made a holiday, which will be the visible celebration of the event, and which will make possible a great gathering of the people, either at the Opera House or in the open air. Should this plan be decided upon, there may be other features which will make the event memorable. It is proposed on one hand that the committee prepare an address to President Mackay of the cable company, as well as one to the captain of the cable ship, which shall be printed for distribution and preservation in memory of the day.

The first message over the line will be that of President Roosevelt, which

BARRY JOHNSTONE A MURDERER

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—Kate Hassett, leading woman in the stock company at Keith's Eighth-street Theater, was shot through the heart and instantly killed tonight by Barry Johnstone, who recently played Cassius in Richard Mansfield's company. Johnstone then turned the pistol upon himself and lodged two bullets above his heart that will probably cause his death.

The shooting occurred near the theater after the evening performance of "What Happened to Jones." The motive was jealousy. Both man and woman are married, but have been living apart from their respective partners.

Johnstone lost his position with Mansfield a few days ago and came to this city. He lay in wait for Kate Hassett at the stage door of the theater and followed her a block. Suddenly he sprang upon her as she passed under an electric light, and, shouting "You are not true to me," fired several shots. The first must have pierced Miss Hassett's heart, for almost without a sound she sank to the sidewalk dead. When Johnstone shot himself he fell to the sidewalk almost upon the woman's body.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—Barry Johnstone, the actor, formerly connected with Richard Mansfield, who on Monday night shot and killed Kate Hassett, the leading woman of Keith's stock company in this city and afterward attempted suicide by shooting himself in the breast, is still alive today, but the hospital physicians say he is likely to die at any moment. Several members of Johnstone's family came here yesterday and spent considerable time with the wounded man. Everett Rockwell, the husband, and Michael Hassett, the father of the murdered actress, are expected to reach here this afternoon from Illinois, when arrangements for the funeral of Miss Hassett will be completed.

Johnstone played leading parts in Honolulu with the Frederick Ward company, Cassius being one of his roles.—Ed Adv.]

will be addressed to Governor Dole, and this will be followed immediately by a response from the Governor to the President. It is expected that messages from the President of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to the President or Vice President of the local chamber will follow, and these will be succeeded by an exchange of greetings between the Presidents of the Merchants' Associations of the two cities. After this formal greeting there will be messages from the leading houses and citizens to their friends and correspondents in San Francisco and New York, the line being kept busy during the opening day with such formal greetings.

The messages will all be forwarded from the office of the cable company in the Young building, which is rapidly assuming form and being put into shape for the use to which it will be put. The laying of the underground cable is progressing rapidly and should be completed early in next week. Owing to the rains less progress was made yesterday than usual, but there will be no material loss on this account, as there is plenty of time for the getting into shape of the land cable before any demands will be made for its use.

The deep sea cable will arrive off shore perhaps a day before it is connected, owing to the custom of landing the shore end before the through line is completed. When the ship gets a short distance off shore, perhaps two or three miles, the sea line is cut off and then the ship comes and lays the shore cable, which is pulled to the beach. After it is in place, the ship steams away and picks up the end of the sea line, which has been buoyed.

The ship is in constant connection with the shore and when the two ends of the cable are ready there is a message sent saying that the connection is about to be made. Two hours are usually allowed for the making of the splice, and its cooling, and then the current is turned into the line and the final tests made before the formal messages are sent through the copper wire.

The batteries with which the cable will be operated have been placed in the office and they were used last evening in testing the underground cable so far as it has been laid. The batteries are now all in shape, even to the storage which will be used in the office work. The tests show that the underground cable is in the best shape, and that it could not be improved upon as a conductor.

The connections which are being made are somewhat behind the laying operations, but there will be temporary ones used if the ship should land its sea line before the underground has been fully connected.

EXPLORER LANDOR IN HONOLULU

Henry Savage Landor, the explorer and author, who made his way to Lhasa, the capital and sacred city of Tibet in 1897, and suffered the most horrible tortures under the lamas, according to his book, is on his way to the Orient in the China in search of new experiences. It is believed he is going to Tonquin where he will make observations.

Mr. Landor is best known through his record of the horrible tortures he says he went through while penetrating to the interior of Tibet which is told of "In the Forbidden Land." He says that attended by two faithful natives, Mangsing and Chanden Sing, he was captured by Tibetan lamas and soldiers, imprisoned, tortured unmercifully until rescued by a Dr. Wilson and the politician, Peshkar Karak Sang-Pal. On his way he ascended to an elevation of 22,000 feet on the Himalayas, and visited the source of the Brahmaputra, never before reached by a European. To reach the sacred city of Lhasa, he donned a pigtail and pretended to be deaf and dumb. They were captured and dragged by ropes before a lama and pomba. Then began his tortures: He was bound with handcuffs and strapped upon a saddle filled with iron spikes which tore the flesh about his spine, the horse being lashed into a gallop.

On a primitive bar of wood his legs were stretched far apart and bound and being held in an upright position a white hot iron was passed before his eyes searing the eyeballs. Then held by the hair a lama threatened to cut off his head with a sharp sword, each time just missing the neck. In order to make the torture more keen, he then stretched on the same bar a cord was tied to his wrists and drawn upward, letting his body fall backward. A cord stretched to the neck of his servant was held likewise and they remained thus for three days in rain and sleet. Finally they escaped through the help of friendly officials.

Landor's account was subject to unfavorable criticism when his story was first made public, general disbelief being expressed.

H. MORI IS ON TRIAL Said That He Tried to Murder E. Hartman.

The trial of H. Mori, the Japanese cook and yard boy who, it is alleged, attempted a few months ago to murder Edward Hartman and his wife, was begun yesterday afternoon before a jury in Judge De Bolt's court. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hartman were on the stand during the afternoon and told of the murderous assault. The Jap it appeared had been sullen all that Sunday morning and when about 9:30 Mrs. Hartman went into the kitchen she noticed that he had the stove covered with pots of boiling water. She told him that they had no use for so much hot water, and asked him what he intended to do with it. He replied by grabbing one of the kettles and starting for the frightened woman. As she turned and ran out of the kitchen, he threw a portion of the contents upon her back, and chased her through the hall into the yard, throwing the remainder as she ran. Mr. Hartman tried to pacify the Jap, and thought he had succeeded as the boy returned to his labors in the kitchen. Not wishing to take any chances Mr. Hartman went to his room and secured a revolver, and as he returned to the yard the boy again appeared, this time with a knife in his hand, with which he was making for Mrs. Hartman. Hartman stepped in the way and pointed the revolver at the boy's body, but it did not stop him and the trigger failed to work, when Hartman saw that he could not frighten the frenzied Japanese and tried to use it. Hartman was stabbed upon the arm, and then succeeded in shooting Mori, who then gave up the attack. Hartman was not seriously hurt, though his wife was badly scalded by the hot water. Both were able to appear in court yesterday and related the facts as given in substance above. The trial of the Mori case will be resumed this morning at nine o'clock.

OWEN HOLT, JR. CONVICTED.

Owen Holt, Jr., a young native boy who went on a rampage a few months ago frightening a number of Chinese in Twiell and shooting one man was convicted by a jury yesterday, which also recommended leniency on the part of the court. Judge De Bolt taking into account Holt's extreme youth imposed a sentence of three days, though severely rebuking the defendant for his actions. Holt on the stand admitted shooting the prosecuting witness, but said it was accidental. The Chinese was on a pile of rubbish, "eating rubbish," the witness explained.

Holt had a heavy shot gun which he was using to shoot mynah birds. He testified that he killed the bird, but the bird shot scattered, striking the Chinese. Then afterward when he saw the Chinese coming for him in numbers he tried to stop their progress by firing a second shot, saying he was afraid that they intended to injure him. Holt also said he had given the bird killed by him to his brother who had eaten it, but the latter youth denied this. The jury was out but a few minutes when a request was sent in to Judge De Bolt for information as to whether a conviction for simple assault would be legal. The court held that it would not be valid, and the verdict with a recommendation to mercy was then returned.

RESPIRE FOR CHEONG KWAI.

Judge De Bolt granted a respite yesterday morning to Cheong Kwai to continue until ten days after the filing of the bill of exceptions.

Kwai was sent to prison for five years for murderous assault, and his bail is fixed at \$7,500. He could not give the bond and a motion was made for a respite because of the fact that a transcript on appeal could not be obtained within a reasonable time.

OTHER CRIMINAL CASES.

Juanita, sentenced on Wednesday to prison for two years, was again found guilty of larceny yesterday and given a second sentence of one year.

Sentence was suspended in the case of Kahaulelio, charged with larceny and who pleaded guilty. The same order was made in the case of Kealoa.

BOYD HEARS FROM
DAKOTA FARMERS

Land Commissioner Boyd received tidings yesterday which give him hope that the delegation of Dakota farmers are coming after all, although there is nothing definite regarding the date of their arrival. By the China's mail he received a letter from a Mr. Chester also of Dakota, saying that he had heard of the Giddings settlers coming to Hawaii, and desired also to secure land for himself and a party of his friends. He stated that he has been informed that there are several thousand acres awaiting homestead settlement. Mr. Boyd believes from this query that the Giddings expedition has not been abandoned.

CANNON WILL BE SPEAKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Representative Dabell of Pennsylvania has withdrawn from the contest for the Speakership of the next House in favor of Representative Cannon of Illinois, who has been endorsed for that office by the Pennsylvania delegation in the House. This practically assures Mr. Cannon's unanimous election for Speaker in the Republican caucus.

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WILL MOVE FOR LABOR Merchants Ready to Send in Memorial.

As soon as the report upon the memorial of the Merchants' Association, as to the admission of Chinese field labor into the Islands, is received from the Planters' Association, the paper, with the resolutions of endorsement from the Builders and Traders' Exchange and the sugar men, will be sent forward to the Senate Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, as well as to the proper body of the House of Representatives.

The Merchants' Association is now taking the steps indicated as desirable by the Builders and Traders, and the prospects are that the work begun in this way will be made effective. The Exchange, in its letter, set forth that there are undesirable features in the labor situation and requested the Merchants to take steps to induce the men responsible to alter the status. When these were not made conditions to the endorsement of the labor position of the Association, they have appealed with force to the Merchants, and the officials of the body are moving to secure the changes.

The first step to be taken will be a strong presentation of the case against the employment of Oriental labor on the waterfront. The officials of the Association are framing correspondence which will have for its aim the inducing of the large employers of wharfingers to insist that there be worked on the ships none but Hawaiian and Portuguese laborers. Some of the men who have to do with the correspondence and the setting forth of the arguments, are those who have knowledge of the relative capacity of the men for performance, and they now pay \$2 a day to Hawaiian and Portuguese workers instead of paying \$1.50 to Orientals, and are satisfied that they receive more than their money worth by paying higher price for the labor.

An appeal will be addressed to the business men of the city as well to refuse to employ Chinese or Japanese laborers in mechanical departments. Several cases of the employment of skilled mechanics by the members of trade bodies, usually as the result of not putting the anti-Oriental clause in contracts, have been noted by the members of the Builders Exchange and this matter will be the subject of representations on the part of the Merchants' Association committee.

The third point which will be borne in upon the employers of labor is the request of the Builders that the employment of mechanics on the plantations be confined to white and Hawaiian workmen. This will include the engineers, carpenters and mill workers on the plantations, and will have for its purpose the confining of field labor proper to the outside work of the estates. This point has been dwelt upon fully in the reports of the employers of labor, and is the one feature which has been found to be of the greatest moment with the workmen.

While the Trades Council, the body of the organized laborers of the city, has decided that it cannot endorse the memorial of the Merchants' Association, it is understood that there will be no fight made against the proposals of the trade bodies that field labor shall be brought into the Territory. The action was taken after long discussion and there were many of the skilled mechanics who were in favor of taking no action whatever, but of permitting the request of the Merchants' Association to stand as if unresolved.

The communication of the Trades Council was received at the last meeting of the Association and placed on file, the secretary merely acknowledging its receipt and not in any way making any contest over the decision of the council.

It is the expectation of the officials of the Association that they will be able to have the memorial in the hands of the members of the commission which came out to investigate conditions in Hawaii before they have completed their report upon the state of affairs in the Territory.

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On December 3 a snowstorm and blizzard was raging in Nebraska.